

INTRO: Aloha, this is Amy, calling from Peer News with a short survey about important issues facing Hawaii today. Your opinion is important, so please participate.

1) First, how would you say things are going in the United States right now—are they generally going in the right direction or the wrong direction?

Right
Wrong
Not Sure

2) And how about in Hawaii? Would you say that things in Hawaii are generally going in the right direction or the wrong direction?

Right
Wrong
Not Sure

3) And now a few quick questions about some important issues in Hawaii.

First, do you think the government should regulate the use of plastic bags at grocery and retail stores? Should they be banned completely? Should there be a fee for using plastic bags? Or do you think the government should not regulate the use of plastic bags at all?

Ban
Fee
Leave alone
No opinion/Not sure

4) Do you believe that same-sex couples should or should not have the legal right to get married?

Should
Should Not
No opinion/Not sure

5) Do you think that Hawaii should make it legal to possess and use of small amounts of marijuana?

Yes
No

No opinion/Not sure

6) Do you believe that doctors should be allowed to help terminally ill patients end their lives?

Yes

No

No opinion/Not sure

7) (Oahu Only) Do you support or oppose construction of the 20-mile elevated rail project on Oahu from East Kapolei to the Ala Moana shopping center?

Support

Oppose

No opinion/Not sure

8) Do you support or oppose Hawaii's plan to construct underwater cables between some of the islands to transmit electricity from wind, geothermal, solar, and other power sources?

Support

Oppose

No opinion/Not sure

9) How do you feel about the benefits the government provides to Native Hawaiians—does the government provide too many benefits, not enough benefits, or about the right amount?

Too many

Not enough

Just right

No opinion/Not sure

10) How do you feel about the balance between preserving Hawaii's land versus encouraging residential and commercial land development? Do you believe that the government should encourage more land preservation, more land development, or do you think that the balance is about right already?

More preservation

More development

Right balance

No opinion/Not sure

11) Now I'm going to ask you a few quick questions about voting—not who you vote for, but about the act of voting itself.

First, how do you feel, personally, about voting? Do you feel that voting is more your responsibility or your choice?

Responsibility
Choice
Not sure

12) And thinking about how other people vote, do you feel that people should only vote if they are informed about the issues and candidates? Or do you feel that people should vote if they want to, even if they are not well informed about the issues and candidates?

Informed
Not Informed OK
Not sure

13) And how difficult is it for you to find the time to vote—is it often difficult, sometimes difficult, or not difficult.

Often
Sometimes
Never
Not sure

14) And how do you feel about your vote—how much does your vote matter—a lot, somewhat, or not at all?

A lot
Somewhat
Not at all
Not sure

15) And now a few quick questions about your feelings toward the people who work in the government:

First, do you feel that most politicians and government officials understand people like you?

Understand
Don't Understand
Not sure

16) And in general, would you say that government officials work harder to benefit the citizens they represent, or do they work harder to benefit themselves and the people and groups who donate the most to their campaigns?

Constituents
Selves/Donors
Not sure

17) And In general, would you say that the challenges the country faces today could be solved by an effective government, or that the country's challenges cannot be solved no matter who is in charge of the government.

Can solve
Cannot solve
Not sure

18) And how do you feel about President Obama's job performance as President? Do you generally approve or disapprove?

Approve
Disapprove
Not sure

19) And how likely is it that you will vote this November in the General Election? Are you definitely going to vote or very likely to vote? Are you somewhat likely to vote? Or are you not likely to vote?

Definitely/Very
Somewhat
Unlikely
Not Sure

Demographics

Sex

Male; Female

Age

18-29; 30-39; 40-49; 50-64; 65+

Education

No Degree; High School Degree; College Degree; Graduate Degree

Politics

Liberal/progressive; Moderate; Conservative; Not sure

Race/Ethnicity

Caucasian; Japanese; Filipino; Hawaiian; Chinese; Hispanic/Latino; Other/Mixed

Party ID

Democrat; Republican; Independent; Not sure

Income Yearly household income

\$50,000 or less; \$50,000-\$100,000; \$100,000+

Military Have you, or a member of your immediate family such as a spouse, sibling, parent, or child served active military duty in Iraq or Afghanistan at any time in the past ten years?

Yes; No